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## **NO-PROOF OF INSURANCE FINES TO BE REFUNDED**

*Prusi amendment ensures reimbursement for those with insurance*

LANSING - State Senator Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today offered an amendment to the Driver Responsibility legislation (House Bill 4308), ensuring those with insurance, but unable to produce proof at the time they were ticketed, receive reimbursement for fines paid under legislation adopted last year.

"I'm pleased that my amendment received approval by the Senate today," Prusi said. "The penalties included in last year's Driver Responsibility Act should not have been applied to those citizens who had valid insurance at the time they were ticketed."

As it passed the Senate today, House Bill 4308 (S-2), would provide that a fees would be waived if within 60 days of the citation a driver is able to prove he/she was insured at the time of the citation. The legislation, as introduced, would have allowed judges sole discretion in refunding the \$300 fine. Senator Prusi's amendment mandates that the courts reimburse motorists who can prove they had valid insurance at the time their fine was issued.

"Michigan's budget problems should not be placed on the backs of law-abiding residents," stated Prusi. "More than 32,000 motorists were affected by the legislation passed last October. Those who have valid insurance ought to receive a refund from the state."

House Bill 4308 will be returned to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

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*Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.*